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In re Application of: :
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DECLARATION

Asst. Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

I hereby declare that:

That Mr. Jean-Luc Dubois formerly residing at 17 rue Anatole France, 91120 Palaiseau, France and now an employee of Sanofi Recherche, 371 rue du Professeur Blayac, 34000 Montpellier, France is the inventor of the subject matter of the invention for which a patent is sought based on United States Patent Application Serial No. 194,996 filed on December 4, 1998 and was filed as PCT International Application No. PCT/FR97/01024 filed June 10, 1997.

That Mr. Dubois has refused to execute the application as can be seen from my declaration filed herewith and I am executing the application on behalf of Hoechst Marion Roussel who owns the application as can be seen from my declaration to avoid loss of the priority rights.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification and claims, as



amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37 Code of Federal Regulations §1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35 United States Code §119 (a)-(d) or §365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or §365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or of any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

Prior Foreign Application No. 96/07209, Country: France,

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As named inventor, I hereby appoint the following registered practitioner(s) to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the specification or any patent issuing thereon.

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That I am executing this application on behalf of Hoechst Marion Roussel in my capacity as head of the Patent Department since Jean-Luc Dubois is bound by French law and by his employment contract to assign his inventions to Hoechst Marion Roussel as can be seen from the copy of the French law and employment contracts filed with my declaration as well as English translations thereof.



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